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To: Microsoft ATR

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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I retired three years ago after over 40 years in the information technology field with the last 32 years in a variety of mid and upper level management positions. While I personally preferred the UNIX operating system, I found the Microsoft Windows operating system was preferred by most of my technical staff and non technical users as it was easily learned and offered tremendous capability at a very reasonable price. Based on this experience, I feel it has been indeed an injustice to Microsoft and the American people that unworthy competitors has used the political process in an effort to survive. It is interesting to note that the nine states that have not agreed to the settlement are states that are home to some of the companies that simply cannot compete on their own merit.

Request the settlement as agreed to by all but nine states be finalized as is. I believe the settlement is more than fair to the public interest.

Respectfully submitted:

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